

# Matthew 4:12-25

## *Application Questions*

1. Jesus came to shine light in the darkness (vv. 13-16). Considering the increasing darkness in our own culture, how do you see Christ shining His light today? How do you think God is using you to light up the darkness?
2. In your own words, describe what you think it means to repent (v. 17). How do you think repentance relates to one's personal awareness of God? How does Romans 2:4 add to your understanding of this? Describe a time when you have repented in some way.
3. What does the phrase, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men," mean to you (v. 19)? How have you personally experienced God using you to bring someone to Jesus? [Note: while it is a great thrill to personally pray with someone to receive Jesus (reaping), God may also use you to bring a person one step closer to Jesus (sowing or watering). We should watch and pray for all such opportunities to win souls. Remember, *He* will make us fishers of men!]
4. In your own words, describe "the ripple effect" of Christ's transformational power in a life. How has God used you to "make waves" in the lives of others?
5. Of the three methods of Christ's ministry (teaching the Word, preaching the Gospel, and healing all kinds of sicknesses and diseases, including demonic possession) with which method do you most identify? In other words, which ministry comes easiest for you to practice? [Keep in mind that healing can include healing the brokenhearted through consolation and counsel (Isaiah 61:1)]